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In re Application of:

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For: TECHNIQUES FOR INTRODUCING
IN-BAND NETWORK MANAGEMENT
PACKETS IN MULTI-PROTOCOL
LABEL SWITCHING NETWORKS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the section on page 1 beginning on line 4:

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/589,466, entitled "Loopback Capability for Bi-Directional Multi-Protocol Label Switching Traffic Engineered Trunks" and originally filed the same day as the present application, is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the section on page 3 beginning on line 27:

A²
An in-band network management packet (INMP) is a packet that carries operation, administration and maintenance (OA&M) information. INMPs can be used for testing